(*f*) Rs. 580-7-0.
(*g*) Rs. 31 per mensem on an average.

MR. G. RAMIAH (Koratagere Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many acres of wet lands are being cultivated under the *talapariges* in Kyasavara village, Koratagere taluk;

(*b*) (i) whether all the lands are being cultivated by the present supply of water ; (ii) how many acres are lying uncultivated ; (iii) in how many acres the crops are dried up and their average yield in annas for six years (details may be furnished) ;

(*c*) (i) whether the raiyats have not presented petitions mentioning the causes for the aforesaid lands having become uncultivable and praying for the construction of stone revetment (ಕಲ್ಲಿಪೆ) at the source of the *talapariges* and for the removal of certain obstructions by the side of the channels ; (ii) how many petitions have been given and (iii) what action has been taken thereon ;

(*d*) whether they have not given their consent to the construction of such stone revetment on the representation made in the Representative Assembly and in the District Conferences to the effect that half the *atchkat* lands are lying fallow ;

(*e*) if so, the reason for not getting the stone revetment constructed ;

(*f*) (i) whether they have not acquired a portion of survey Nos. 9 and 13 by the side of the channel for depositing its silt ; (ii) whether the land owners have not constructed two wells in the acquired area by the side of the channel and whether they are not utilising the water thereof for the irrigation of their lands ; (iii) whether this has not given room for the percolation of channel water into the wells and thereby prevented the free flow of water in the channels : why there has been such a long delay ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

A.—16. (*a*) Nearly 150 acres.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) 50 acres are lying uncultivated.

(iii)

Year		*Yield in annas*
1931-32	...	Re. 0-4-0 and less
1932-33	...	No entries in *pahani*.
1933-34	...	Less than Re. 0-8-0.
1934-35	...	Remission sanctioned.
1935-36	...	Re. 0-4-0 and less.
1936-37	...	Re. 0-8-0 and Re. 0-12-0 dry crops and seminal wet crops Re. 0-8-0.
1937-38	...	The question of remission is under correspondence.

(*c*) (i) Yes.

(ii) 3 petitions.

(iii) As the Kalyani gets choked up by silt on account of the neglect of the raiyats in maintaining properly the flood banks of the Suvarnamukhi River, estimates have been prepared and works arranged to be started for closing the breaches in the flood banks.

(*d*) No such consent is seen to have been given. Only an estimate for the work was prepared.

(*e*) The work was considered unnecessary on further investigation.

(*f*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) There is no direct obstruction preventing the free flow in the channel, as the Kalyani is situated below the wells.

Though the land was acquired and award passed, the parties have not taken the amount and parted with the lands.

MR. M. R. SIVAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a separate place has been set apart for the sale of cocoanuts in the Tiptur Municipality ;

(*b*) of how many rupees are the weights used in weighing copra ; whether the balance (Chintalu) used at present is of the same weight in all places ; whether they have ever examined the weights and measures which are in use there ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the daily fluctuation in prices works as a hardship to the raiyat population ;

(*d*) whether it is true that there is a difference of Rs. 4 or Rs. 5 between the buying and selling rates ;

(*e*) whether they are aware of the hardship caused to the raiyats every day on account of the monopoly of the trade by a few merchants ;

(*f*) on what principle a profit of 10 per cent and another 10 or 12 for every cart-load of cocoanuts is being taken free ;

(*g*) whether it is justifiable to recover six annas in the shape of 10—12 cocoanuts while only two annas is recovered as municipal tax on a cart-load of 100 cocoanuts ;

(*h*) on what basis the sale of cocoanuts is held ;

(*i*) whether it has come to their notice that, in the sale of a heap of 1,000 cocoanuts, the price of the first 500 is taken at Rs. 40, the remaining 500 at Rs. 25 and 50 to 100 cocoanuts are left out in counting ;

(*j*) whether it has come to their notice that, in addition to six pies that is recovered as commission on the amount that the raiyat gets, another 6 pies is also recovered in the shape of charity and profit thus aggregating to one anna in the rupee and that this will not only amount to great dishonour to the raiyat but also to show that he holds no equal status ; whether it is possible from this to find out the loss sustained by the thousands of poor raiyats on account of the monopolised trade by a few persons ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. E. Noronha).—

A.—20. (*a*) to (*j*) The marketing survey of the cocoanut industry in the State, recently conducted by the Department of Industries and Commerce, has disclosed the existence of several of the drawbacks complained of in these questions and it is hoped that the establishment of a regulated market for this industry under the Mysore Agricultural Markets Act will facilitate the adoption of uniform weights, weighment by scales, fixation of prices in the open market, etc., and remedy the present undersirable trade practices and improve